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REport

by Larry Morton

I'm pleased to announce that 2 major hurdles were overcome at the May membership meeting. First, Michael Golden volunteered to take over as KnockOff editor. I am in the process of upgrading the club's PC to better serve Michael in publishing the newsletter. Many thanks for stepping forward to this all important task Michael. Second, the Race Chairman post is filled by Kyle Belden and D J McArdle. With assistance from Mike Larimer, Jack Hanifan and myself, we will soon finalize all the race plans. Again, thanks guys for helping out.

The project of putting on the New Driver Car Control Clinic is moving forward following some phone calls to its founder, David Thompson, and the Times Union, we have momentum to get started. We need to find a site for the instructor training and set a date for that to occur. I spoke with the Detroit Region RE where they have put on a clinic already, and I was very encouraged by what I heard. We will be seeking people to attend the training and then put on clinics in our area, so give it some thought and if interested, let me know.

We have reached agreement with the Shelby American club to put on a 10 lap race for them during our July 6 race at Lime Rock for which we will be compensated \$2500. I told them the price was negotiable if they came up with event T-shirts for our workers. The only services they require are flagging and communications, a starter and our stewards.

A reminder, the June meeting is at Kurt & Stephanie Weiss' shop to learn about roll cages. Directions were in last month's KnockOff and I hope appear in this month's issue as well. We probably won't have a July meeting since our race is that weekend so I encourage everyone to come out and work at our race, especially if you are a new member. There are plenty of jobs to be done, don't be shy, it's great fun.

Directions for how to get to Kurt & Stephanie Weiss' shop for the June meeting

from Albany:

Take I-90 East just across the Hudson to Exit 7, Washington Ave. At the end of the ramp, there's a light; turn left. Follow Washington Ave through several lights; go straight across Route 4, and suddenly you're on Route 43. Follow Route 43 for 10-15 miles. (Be sure to make the right turn at the Cumberland Farms when 43 turns there.) The first Stephentown signs are for West Stephentown, after which you'll be heading uphill through some short but interesting twisties. The road then straightens out and flattens off. Just before it heads back downhill, there's a dirt road on the right: Tinley Road. There's a NYSEG substation on the corner, and I suspect we'll have to "borrow" some of their driveway to park cars on. Our house is the first house on the right, about 1/4 mile up the street. Phone number, in case you get lost, is 518-733-6499.

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Minutes of the April 1996 general membership meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Larry Morton, R.E. at 8:05 PM, April 3, 1996.

Reports from Officers and other specialties.

Membership: Dave Wachtel reported no change in membership. Probably fifty or so membership information "packets" were given out at the Latham Mall Car show.

Knock Off Editor: Greg Rickes announced that due to press of business, this would be the last issue of the KO that he would be able to edit.

Treasurer: Dave McClumpha reported a slight surplus since the last report.

Solo: DJ McArdle reported on behalf of John Alusio that there will be an autocross at the State Office peripheral lot on April 28. Summer event dates are not confirmed

Rally: Rich Welty reported on behalf of Jim Bishop that there will be a September rally. There is an Empire rally scheduled for June.

Competition: Larry Morton reminded everyone that the tech party would be held on April 10.

Old Business

Race: Larry Morton called again for someone to volunteer for the Race chairman position as no one has yet come forward. He warned that the paperwork needs to be completed soon and if a race chairman is not found, the race will be put in jeopardy.

Round Table: Regional and national race scheduling Larry Morton reported that the Round table was profitable and went well thanks to the efforts of Jack Hanafan.

Race scheduling remains a problem. Guidelines for determining the number of races and where they would be held was a big topic at the Round Table. Larry said they need to generate proposals and bring them up for discussion and a vote. Larry currently considers that there should be 9 NESCAA races.

Tom Campbell noted that there is a lack of data. He volunteered to create a driver's questionnaire

for the drivers and collect data during the course of this season.

There was also discussion regarding the NARRC race series. There are too many races and the regions are reluctant to give any up. Larry's proposal is that all of the races need not count for points. Seven races should be included in a drivers' point tally rather than the ten that are now included. He will draw up rules and talk in July to the NARRC Committee at their meeting. He will seek a vote on a final proposal at the Fall Mini Con.

Tom Campbell, John Sheridan, Larry Morton and Dave McClumpha discussed some of the methods by which race venues and organizers are determined. Larry agreed to consider their input.

There may be Canadian Formula Ford and Sedans allowed in the NER NARRC races at LRP.

Solo: DJ McArdle reports that site loss is an ongoing problem. He also praised Roger Johnson's Solo seminar.

General comments: DJ McArdle - The Round table experience was generally good. It was a good mix of socializing, informational meetings, and administrative activities. Larry agreed.

Internet seminar: Rick Welty reported that his internet seminar went well with some twenty five attendees. This report sparked discussion regarding a potential Mohawk-Hudson Web page as well as an automated telephone number for event listings.

Speed Freakz: Doug Reed gave a seminar on the speed freaks program. Larry remarked that the talk was very informative. Another Speed Freaks volunteer was recruited, Mike Fagan.

Shelby American club race: Larry proposed running the Shelby American Race as the last event of the day to Lime Rock Park management. They did not think that that would be acceptable. There was general discussion regarding the financial arrangements for the S.A. race and scheduling

Other regions have had good experience with this club and Larry will seek their advice.

Speed Freakz: There will be a Speed Freakz booth at the NYS VICA (Vocational and Industrial Clubs of America) State Conference, April 24/25/26. Larry Morton and others are planning to volunteer.

Latham Car Show: Jim Bucci informed us that there were eight or nine Mo-Hud cars at the show. He thanked the Weltys and Dave Wachtel for staffing the table during the show. A show at Crossgates next year is a possibility for Mo-Hud. There was short notice this year. Next year, with a greater lead time, we should be able to get more cars for the show.

Dick Stewart, whose Formula Vee was at the show, reported that he was able to rent his car as a result of the show.

Jim Bucci suggested that the region invest in a video tape recorder and a TV for use at shows and other events. Larry Morton agreed that we should consider it at a future board meeting.

Other Business

Bill Bradshaw, Area 10 Director
Bill attended our meeting and gave a short talk and answered questions. He related his experience as Chief of Stewards at Seabring this year. There was a protest regarding a full course caution that pointed out some areas in which communication between officials, flaggers and drivers need some improvement.

Area 10 will have a solo safety steward training session at Painted Post NY at the K Mart on April 14 th.

Pro Rally school will be held by the Blue Mountain Region on May 3rd through May 5th, followed by a pro rally. Those attending this school will be issued a Pro Rally license.

The Rose Valley Pa. hillclimb, organized by the Glen Region/Pennsylvania Hillclimb Association., will be held on Sept. 28 and 29. This event is classified as Solo 1. Training will be available before the event. Brochures and

entry forms will be available at races throughout the year. There is a one hundred car limit.

The Speed Freaks booth will be at the Kiamisha Lake VICA conference. Chris McAllister is the coordinator for area 10. (E-Mail at INTERNET:ChrisITB13@aol.com). Bill has arranged for the entire area 10 to be a "supported region" for the Speed Freaks program. All of the regions of Area 10 are working together to support the program.

Approximately fifty percent of Spec. Racers have converted from Renaults to Ford engines. There is not much chance that there will be a Club Renault class.

There has been a proposal for a four level Showroom Stock Touring class. Bill had no further info on the status of this proposal.

There is a problem with the Olds Achieva regarding the safety of suspension pieces. There is discussion by the competition board whether to allow modification to the car for safety reasons or not.

Q&A

John Sheridan - What is the health of the Trans Am?

Bill - The health of the series is improving.

Dave Wachtel - Is there a series sponsor yet?

Bill - No, not yet. There are discussions ongoing.

Tom Campbell - Where is the money coming from. Is it out of the membership's pockets?

Bill - Yes, But the Trans Am series carried the club for years and the series promises to get stronger soon.

John Shridan - Only ten or so good cars are at the races. Is this due the High Tech nature of the cars.

Bill - Probably so, but this has been true for a number of years.

Tom Campbell (comment) The front runners are self financed. It costs \$5000 just for a local to get into the race.

Should the costs be reduced somehow?

Bill - The rules are under the auspices of the Pro Racing Division.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 PM.

Submitted by David G. Wachtel, Secretary

Minutes of the May 1996 general membership meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Larry Morton, R.E. at 8:02 PM, April 1, 1996.

Reports from Officers and other specialties.

Membership: Dave Wachtel reported an additional three new members.

Knock Off Editor: Greg Rickes introduced the new Knockoff editor, Michael Golden. He will be assisted by Jim Bucci.

Treasurer: Dave McClumpha reported a modest surplus for the month, mostly as a result of membership fees.

Solo: D.J. McArdle that the Mo Hud event at the Periphral parking lot attracted around forty three entries. Don Harris did a first class job of running the event. The new timing equipment worked well. One car was too loud and baffles were added to the muffler to reduce the noise to acceptable limits. There will be a solo event at Hudson Valley Community College during the last weekend of July or the first weekend of August. The solo folks are actively pursuing other sites for events. There is a non SCCA event at Crossgates Mall on May 19th. During the third weekend in August there will be a divisional solo event in Hartford, CT. at the Pratt and Whitney plant.

Rally: No report

Competition: Jack Hanifan reported on the large number of drivers that have attended drivers school this month. Bill McDonald; Les Apple, MGB, signed off; Jim Niles, Quick in Dick Stewart's FV, signed off; Todd Boice, three hours of school completed; Phil LaPore, very quick and signed off; Mike Golden, Skip Barber school graduate going to races.

The first National of the year in NEDIV is history. Mo Hud members attending included Mike Weir DSR, 3rd place; Jeremy Treadway, FC, 3rd place. During the third weekend of October there will be Solo I and Solo II events as well as a Regional Race at New Hampshire International Speedway. A Mo-Hud/New England challenge will pair drivers from each region in competition for an additional fee of

\$10.00 each, the proceeds will go to fight Leukemia. The winning region will receive a trophy of some sort. Jack will have more about this event as details are made firm.

Merchandise: John Sheridan reported that forty one publications were sold generating cash flow of some five hundred dollars. Solo rule books are sold out. John is considering ordering another five. The Large "Stewards" rule book is available by special order at a cost of around forty dollars. This publication is bound and contains most of the rule books in one rather large volume.

Old Business:

Race: There is a provisional race chairman for our race.

Round Table: Jack Hanifan has gotten good reports about the Roundtable, particularly from Glen Region and Area 10 Director Bill Bradshaw. Jack read from a list of workers, thanking each by name. Larry Morton thanked Jack for organizing a well run and fun event.

Shelby American club race: Larry Morton reviewed the status of the proposed Shelby American race during our Regional at Lime Rock. The flaggers will have to come in from their stations and then go out again to participate in the Shelby event. Flaggers are free to decline to participate in the Shelby American event.

Speed Freakz: Larry Morton received word from Chris McAllister, Area 10 Speed Freakz Coordinator, that the VICA Conference/ career day was a success. "A lot" of literature was distributed and five joined as Speed Freakz members.

Each region is donating fifty dollars to the Speed Freaks defray expenses.

Greg Ricks had concerns about the distribution and small amount of the S.F. membership fee. He pointed out that this is more of a National membership rather than a regional membership.

Car Control Clinic: Larry Morton reviewed the program in response to a question. Larry talked to Dave Thompson two days ago. Dave

reported that there have been two regions trained, Detroit and Chattanooga. Larry called the Detroit Regional Executive and he reported that the first clinic

was a great success. They ran fifteen cars with five instructors, and felt that they could have done it with three instructors. Feedback from the parents was "great" and the kids both enjoyed and learned from it. There is a new video that shows the exercises and Larry will seek to obtain it. The board of directors has given the go ahead to pursue it and the next step is to find a site. After a site is arranged, Dave and his partner will train the instructors. The training will take one or two days to complete.

There has been interest in the program from the Times Union. Larry reported that they will probably do a story on it once the program is up and running.

Web Page: Rich Welty discussed the items that should go into the proposed Mohawk-Hudson web page. He said that an event schedule could be put on the web page now.

New Business: Larry Morton announced that there will be a video on roll bar construction shown at the next meeting. The meeting will be at the Weiss shop. There will be a race car in the shop to examine.

Jack Hanifan asked if there was anything new on "Legends cars". He also wanted to know if we would need a new race group for our race. The answer was that if any showed up, they would run in an existing race group.

Rich Welty brought up the issue of the "Spec RX7" class. This is a class popular in the west with only with the Washington DC region organizing rules for the class. This class runs in ITA and is tightly controlled, even to the extent of recording part numbers for many (most?) of the parts on the car. Larry Morton said that New York Region is looking at the RX7 class. He also remarked that it seems that there is a class for everything. Rich Welty replied that class consolidation is being considered by National. John Sheridan pointed out that National keeps saying they will consolidate but they never do it. Ice Racing and Autocross seems to be able to organize classes by performance, National should be able to do it for Club Racing.

Jack Hanifan related that Club Formula Vee is a class in NARRC. If we have entries in this class we need to provide more trophies to cover the class and to keep track of points.

Rich Welty expressed concern over the rules for the "IT Enduro" class. This is a class with fairly loose rules that need to be tightened up, in Rich's opinion. Larry Morton replied that Dave Lapham is preparing a set of rules for the class.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 PM.

Submitted by David G. Wachtel, Secretary

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 Dave Wachtel, Membership Chairman
 New member report, 05/08/96

Please welcome these new members to Mo-Hud:

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Rebecca A. Burke	04/96	S Hadley	MA
Jesse Belden	04/96	Averill Park	NY
Christine Belden	04/96	Averill Park	NY
Calum Belden	04/96	Averill Park	NY
David Spencer	04/96	Johnstown	NY
Elena M. Mauceri	04/96	Troy	NY
Victoria Garrison	04/96	Hudson	NY
Debra Garrison	04/96	Hudson	NY
Colleen Garrison	04/96	Hudson	NY
Barabra Mountford	04/96	Ballston Lake	NY
John D. Mountford	04/96	Ballston Lake	NY
Steve Ross	04/96	Rensselaer	NY
Susan Polastre	03/96	Cold Spring	NY
Brian F. McGlinchey	03/96	Rexford	NY
Christopher Grvel	03/96	Watervliet	NY
Judy Bennett	02/96	Salisbury	CT
Michael A. Golden	02/96	Clifton Park	NY

Interests report, 05/08/96.

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Christine Belden	Averill Park	NY	
Jesse Belden	Averill Park	NY	
Colleen Garrison	Hudson	NY	914-691-7245
Debra Garrison	Hudson	NY	914-691-7245
Victoria Garrison	Hudson	NY	914-691-7245
Michael A. Golden	Clifton Park	NY	
Christopher Grvel	Watervliet	NY	518-783-7585
Elena M. Mauceri	Troy	NY	

Pro Rally

Christopher Grvel	Watervliet	NY	518-783-7585
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Road Rally

Brian F. McGlinchey	Rexford	NY	-399-2219
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Solo

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Worker/Official

Michael A. Golden	Clifton Park	NY	
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Significant anniversaries report, 5/08/96.

Name	Joined On	Years
APRIL		
Wm. Morris	04/66	30
Robert Orenstein	04/86	10
Kim Graff	04/91	5
Allison Welty	04/91	5
Doug Garrison	04/91	5

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Mary C. Cameron 05/86 10

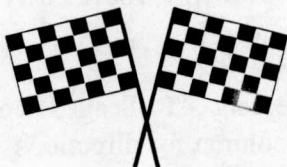
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May 1996

This is the first issue of the KnockOff with input from the new editors, myself and Jim Buccl. I hope that folks will bear with us until we get our bearings and get established. We would like to thank Greg for his past service and we hope we can fill his shoes. We hope you find the format of the new KnockOff interesting and we are always open to suggestions and our fellow members input.

We hope to continue to provide you with an interesting newsletter and once we get the bugs worked out some new, and we hope interesting ideas. At some point I hope to have an e-mail address at home so there will be a direct link to the KnockOff computer in my home. In the meantime my e-mail address is: golden.michael@albany.va.gov and is available now.

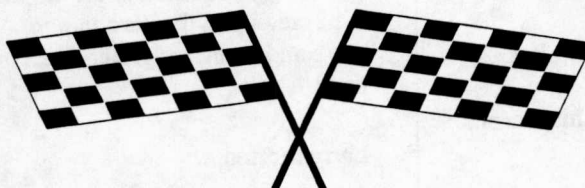
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We welcome the input and suggestions of all the MoHud members and look forward to meeting you all at the meetings or at the track.



Mike Golden

Upcoming Events

May 19 (Sun) Autocross organized by ATA at Crossgates Mall, Guilderland

May 24-27 (Fri-Mon) Dodge Dealers Grand Prix at Lime Rock Park - SCCA TransAm, Barber Dodge Pro Series, North American Touring Car Championship, World Challenge Neon Challenge, IMSA Exxon World Sports Cars, GTS1&2 email 103341.2046@compuserve.com for ticket information or call 1800RACELRP

May 31 (Fri) Open-Wheel Spectacular -- ARDC Midgets, ESS Spirmts Cars, Mini-Sprints, plus CVRA modifieds, Albany-Saratoga Speedway, Route 9, Malta NY

May 31 (Fri) SCCA Drivers School, Lime Rock Park

June 1 (Sat) North Atlantic Road Racing Championship races, Lime Rock Park

June 3 (Mon) World of Outlaws Sprint Cars, Lebanon Valley Speedway, route 20 West Lebanon NY

June 5 (Wed) Mohawk-Hudson Region monthly membership meeting, "RollcageTheory & Practice" by Kurt & Stephanie Weiss --- see Larry Morton's column for directions

July 6 (Sat) North Atlantic Road Racing Championship (NARRC)/New York State Road Racing Championship (NYSRRC) races at Lime Rock Park organized by Mohawk-Hudson Region SCCA -- Race Chairman Kyle Belden 518 783-6721

A weekend in West Virginia (the Summit Point national race)

The first national race of the NESCCA series was a success in many ways. Some 230 cars entered, the weather was great, the racing was clean and several records fell, and all the MoHud drivers entered scored valuable points. Michael and Sandy Weir arrived for they race fresh off a test day at NHIS and Mike scored a third place finish in DSR. Mike's new Comptune head should be ready for installation soon to give him a much needed horsepower increase of approximately 30%. Jeremy Treadway showed up for the friday test day with his new Formula Continental and showed brilliance right off the trailer as he qualified third and finished third in a race with 30 other FC cars. The race was won by last years NESCCA rookie of the year, Andy Lally, but Jeremy is poised to more to a higher spot on the podium this season. I also arrived friday to shake

out the cobwebs, accompanied by MoHuders Mike Larimer and Craig Booth. Following my winter rebuild we had some problems during testing, but overcame them by qualifying and I was able to post the 7th fastest time but was off my target by about .9 seconds a lap. I was getting faster each session but ran out of track time before I reached my goal of a lap under 1:30. In the race I got a good start, drove steady and consistent laps, held off a challenge in the early laps and pulled out a 6th place which I was happy with. I was running 5 seconds behind the lead pack and gaining on them by the end of the race and managed to lower my lap times another .5 second. Lap records fell in D Sports Racing, Touring!, F Production, GT4, and Formula Vee.

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Larry Morton

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and

1985 Mercury Marquis Brougham, (Mercury version of Ford LTDII)
39K miles (yes, 39K). Collision damage front and rear.3.8 Liter (232 cid) V6 Throttle body fuel injection. Engine tag 5K502BB.3 Speed automatic transmission (C5, part # E5DP

FA).Rear axle code 8, 2.73 ratio (I think), tag 912A.Alternator 6M.Recent new smog pump, valve cover gaskets, brake rotors. Excellent interior intact, hit front and rear squarely, will run and drive.All glass intact. No tail or head lights, bulb sockets work Have Title. \$600

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Tentative Mohawk-Hudson Region & Capital District Autocross Schedule:

April 28 Mohawk-Hudson Region/Empire Motor Sports Club at NYS Peripheral Parking Lot, Washington Ave. Albany

May 19 ATA at Crossgates Mall

June 2 Tri-Vettes at Edinburgh GoKart track

June 29 Patroon Chapter BMW Club , NYS Peripheral Parking Lot, Washington Ave.

July 14 or 21 Mohawk-Hudson Region, NYS Peripheral Parking Lot, Washington Ave.

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